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## Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES  
March 23, 2011

### I. Roll Call:

Present: Richard Brown, Ned Chester, Dalene Dutton, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jamie Johnson, Shelley Reed, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Mark Boger, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Nickole DeMerritt, Jacinda Goodwin, Charles LaVerdiere, Randall Liberty, Margaret Longworth, Joan McDonald, Hannah McMullen, Jim Morse, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Trish Shorey and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

Guests: Jerry Kazilionis, Noel Bonam, Margaret Micolichuk and Donna Gilbert

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15A.M, welcomed the JJAG Members and introduced Jerry Kazilionis. Paul asked Jerry to tell the JJAG Members a little bit about himself. Jerry is a student and has expressed an interest in applying for an appointment to the JJAG as a youth member.

### II. Minutes:

The minutes for the February JJAG meeting were approved.

**Motion:** To approve the February 23, 2011 Minutes

**Moved:** Shelley Reed/Jim Foss/2nd.

**Action:** Approved

### III. Chair Report:

Paul reported that he met with the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and spent about an hour with him. Paul talked about the juvenile justice program in Maine and the DMC project. Paul invited the Commissioner to attend one of our JJAG meetings and after they discussed a few dates, it was decided that April would be the best time for him to attend. Paul has also been in contact with John Morris, Commissioner of Public Safety, and will invite him to our June meeting. Paul stated that he would like to meet with the appointments clerk in the new administration.

Paul received some information from the Commission for Indigent Legal Services and mentioned a couple of items in that report. 1, Finalize standards; and 2, Increase training requirements.

#### **IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:**

Kathryn stated that since time was running short, she would e-mail her report to the members. Kathryn mentioned the JJAG funding and that the Compliance Monitor is included in that funding. Kathryn will be attending the EPIY Training in Westbrook on March 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **V. Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator Report:**

Noel Bonam brought the committee up to date on what has been happening in the DMC and spoke about RRI, Relative Rates Index data. Noel discussed the Town Hall meetings in Aroostook and Androscoggin Counties. Muskie Institute has done some work. Cumberland County is still the main focus. Noel discussed the Reduction Plan and mentioned three areas: Assessment, Awareness and Engagement and briefly discussed each one. Noel had a list of activities report for the Three Year Plan and mentioned the top four:

- Refugee Community
- Muskie to interview with families and children.
- Increasing access to data.
- Ending racism workshops. These workshops are only open by invitation: JJAG Members will be invited, and based on data, will invite Androscoggin and Somali youth and also some law makers.

Paul stated that he has sent out letters to our Congressional delegation regarding the budget process and mentioned a couple of items.

1. If current budget goes through, it will be catastrophe for the JJAG's Title II and JABG Grant; and,
2. the process won't complete itself for 12 weeks or more. Will keep everyone informed.

#### **VI. Update Three Year Comprehensive Plan:**

Kathryn handed out the latest version of the Needs and Problem Statements and stated that if anyone had any other additions or changes, they will need to get those in to her soon as the grant application is due in on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 A.M. Still need to figure out the funding amounts.

The Committee made suggestions on some of the statements listed. Dalene had a suggestion and will make that change and send it to Kathryn. Shelley Reed also noted some changes which she will make and will send those in to Kathryn.

The group then focused on the OJJDP FY 2011 Title II Formula Grants budget and reviewed the funding amounts for each program. Suggestions and changes were made on where they would like the money spent and which programs

should get the most amount of money. Kathryn noted the changes and will send that information out.

**VII. Restorative Justice Project Presentation:**

Margaret Micolichuk and Donna Gilbert gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Restorative Justice Project of the Mid-Coast, Waldo County, and answered questions.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

**The next meeting will be April 27, 2011 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Room 248, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.**